

**Brockley Primary School
Newsletter**

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***The Brockley Way –
‘Only my best is good
enough’***

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our Responsibilities as a Community

- What YOU must do:
- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

The national attendance target is 96%

Our school attendance this week is 92.21%

Attendance Band	Class Performance
Zebra	96.02%
Monkey	89.31%
Giraffe	95.17%
Elephant	88.4%
Lion	92.92%

School Contact Information

Click the link

Report Absences or Ask

Questions: 01246-
823344

Safeguarding:

[safeguarding@brockley.
derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website:

[http://www.brockley.derb
yshire.sch.uk](http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

School Facebook Page:

[Facebook](#)

General Enquiries:

[info@brockley.derbyshir
e.sch.uk](mailto:info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Safeguarding Info:

[https://www.ddscp.org.u
k](https://www.ddscp.org.uk)

School Calendar:

[Brockley Primary School
- Calendar](#)

Headteacher:

[headteacher@brockley.
derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Welcome Back to the Spring Term!

Dear Brockley Families,

Welcome back to the spring term! We hope you were able to enjoy some rest and family time over the break.

As you know, the start of term has been far from straightforward. The unexpected heating failure caused by issues with our aging boiler and gas supply, combined with the heavy snowfall, created significant disruption for everyone. These challenges were completely beyond our control but no less frustrating and we know they made things incredibly difficult for many of you.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we worked to make the site safe, warm, and ready for learning again. Your flexibility represents exactly what makes our school community so special.

Welcoming New Staff to Our Team

We are delighted to introduce three new members of staff who have joined our Brockley family this term. They have each already made a wonderful impression and we know

they will contribute greatly to the life of our school.

Mrs Gemma Rowan joins us as the new temporary Monkey Classteacher.

Mrs Carrie Lee Clements joins the cleaning team supporting Mrs Yapp.

Mrs Vivien Barlow joins the office team, helping Mrs Sperring and Mrs Saxton.

Please join us in giving them a big Brockley welcome, we are thrilled to have them on board.

Looking Ahead

Despite the bumpy start, classrooms are now buzzing again, children are settled back into routines, and staff are eager to make this term a positive, productive one for everyone. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned, and we look forward to sharing these with you over the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Here's to a smoother and brighter remainder of the spring term!



Online Safety



We know many of our children were extremely fortunate to receive devices for Christmas and with that in mind we are writing to you with an important reminder about the shared responsibility we all have in keeping our children safe online.

It is increasingly clear that exposure to inappropriate and sexualised content online is a serious safeguarding concern. This type of content is never acceptable and can have lasting impacts on a child's wellbeing and development.

Despite age restrictions on many popular apps and platforms, children are still managing to access them often by bypassing parental controls or using passwords they have learned from their parents. We urge all families to take steps to strengthen digital safety at home.

Why this matters:

According to the NSPCC, 41% of parents of girls aged 4–17 are concerned about contact from strangers, 40% about online grooming, and 36% about sexual abuse or harassment online.

A recent Ofcom bulletin highlights that over 60 major online services have now completed risk assessments under the new Online Safety Act, but enforcement is still in early stages.

86% of UK adults believe tech companies are not doing enough to protect children from harm online.

What you can do:

- Review and update parental controls regularly.
- Change passwords frequently and avoid sharing them with children.
- Talk openly with your child about online safety and what to do if they see something upsetting.

- Check app age ratings and monitor usage where possible.

Helpful Resources for Parents:

UK Safer Internet Centre:

Offers guides on phones, tablets, smart TVs, and social media, plus conversation starters for talking to your child about online safety.

saferinternet.org.uk/parents

NSPCC Online Safety Hub:

Advice on everything from parental controls to sexting and gaming. nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Tower Hamlets Online Safety Guide: A comprehensive PDF with practical actions, app glossaries, and emergency contacts.

[Download the guide](#)

Together, we can create a safer digital environment for all children. Let's continue to work in partnership to protect their wellbeing both online and offline.

Thank you for your continued support.

S	M	A	R	T
Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.
<small>SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk</small>				

Reminders and Updates

- Breakfast Club is available Monday to Friday 8am until 8:30am. Please note last entry is 8:15am and we stop serving food at 8:20am. Please follow the link to book: [Breakfast Club - Week Commencing 06/01/2026 – Fill out form](#)
- School Start - Green Gates open at 8:30am and close promptly at 8:40am
- After-School Clubs are available

Monday to Thursday, new information has been sent via email and posted on the school website. See below.

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Monday	<table border="1"><tr><td>Brockley Club (Cooking) 3:10pm until 4:45pm Mrs Bradley £7 per session</td><td>Year 6 Booster Miss Wheaton & Miss Chapman 3:10pm until 4:10pm Free</td><td>Young Voices Choir Y3 to Y6 only Mrs Elliot & Mrs Dale 3:10pm until 4:10pm Free</td></tr></table>	Brockley Club (Cooking) 3:10pm until 4:45pm Mrs Bradley £7 per session	Year 6 Booster Miss Wheaton & Miss Chapman 3:10pm until 4:10pm Free	Young Voices Choir Y3 to Y6 only Mrs Elliot & Mrs Dale 3:10pm until 4:10pm Free
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- Miss Barber's After-School Club runs from 3:10pm until 4:45pm at a cost of £7. Booking is essential, please follow the link to book: [After-School Booking Form week commencing 06/01/2026 – Fill out form](#)

Year 3 Mount Cook Residential



Year 3 families you are invited to the final Mount Cook information meeting ahead of our residential visit at the end of February.

Meeting date Monday 26th January at pick up. Please wait at the office and a member of staff will come to collect you.

During this meeting, we will go through:

- Sleeping arrangements, including which children will be sharing rooms.
- The food menu for the trip.
- The kit list and what your child will need to bring.

- Money for the visit, including how much to send and how your child will be supported in taking responsibility for it.





Reception Places at Brockley Primary School

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you should have applied for their Reception place for September 2026.

Applications opened from 10th November 2025 to 15th January 2026.

If you missed the deadline you can still apply after this date, but late applications are processed later, which may affect your chance of getting your preferred school. Please contact the office if you need help with your application or need more advice.

At Brockley Primary School, we love welcoming new families, and we know how important it is to get a feel for the school in person. We highly encourage visits and tours so you can see our school in action and ask any questions you may have.

To arrange your bespoke, personalised visit, just contact the school office on 01246-823344, we'll be very happy to help.